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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 10 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 6 and 10 have been amended and claims 3 and 8 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in item 3 of the Office Action that claims 3, 5, 8 and 10 would be allowable, if amended, to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 5 and 10 have been rewritten into independent to include the features of base claims 1 and 6, respectively. Thus, new independent claims 5 and 10 are believed to be allowable.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to include the allowable features of now cancelled claims 3 and 8, respectively.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 6, and claims 2, 4 and 7, 9 by their respective dependency thereof, are also believed to be allowable.

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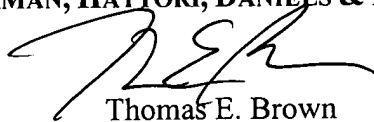
As such, it is submitted that all of the remaining pending claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9 and 10, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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